

Report to the Kentucky Library Association Board
ALA Councilor
Louisville, Kentucky
March 16, 2013

I attended the ALA Midwinter meeting in Seattle. The biggest discussion at the ALA Council meetings surrounded the proposed dues adjustment. After much discussion the dues increase was accepted but will be reviewed in five years. The following item will go to the membership on the 2013 Spring ballot. "Beginning in September 2013 and continuing through September 2017, personal member will be reviewed by the ALA Executive Board, which may approve a dues adjustment not to exceed the percentage change in the national average Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest dollar."

Council did not pass a resolution that supported Bradley Manning and Wikileaks.

Much discussion has begun on the Council listserve about realigning Council. The Chapter Councilor from California is looking to reduce the number of at-large councilors because he feels that Council is ineffective. He has been to two council meetings and my feeling is that his ideas are not going to fly, particularly because he presents his ideas in a way that inflames others. The reading is interesting as this issue involving strong feelings both ways.

I bundled my registration for Annual in Chicago and I will be able to fly directly to Chicago from Paducah for the Annual meeting. That is pretty big news.

Respectfully submitted,

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